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## [54] PLASTIC MOUTHPIECE FOR SIMULATED SMOKING

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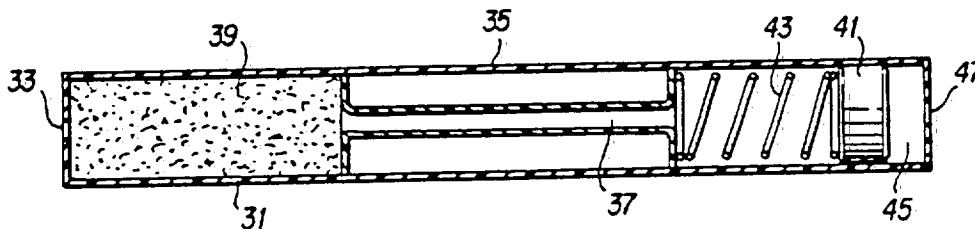
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## [57] ABSTRACT

The invention includes a cigarette like device which enables the user to experience the taste and aroma as well as the tactile sensations of smoking a tobacco cigarette—but without the presence of smoke, without any combustion, and without inhalation of harmful carcinogenic substances (e.g. tars) into the user's lungs. The device consists of a plastic mouthpiece containing a plug of chewing tobacco connected to a plastic tube with an axial duct, extending to a sealed end, where there is located a pumping member in the form of a flexible accordion-like, or bellows-type configuration or a spring-loaded ball or position. In a further embodiment, the device consists of a conventional mouthtip filter, or a tubular body with a flexible collapsible side wall sealed at the far end, and a tobacco insert. In the device, repeated suction cycles by the user are utilized to initially draw the user's saliva through the tobacco insert to flavor it with nicotine, and then to recirculate this saliva back to the user's mouth on successive suction cycles, allowing the user to taste and smell the nicotine. Inserts other than tobacco can be used in the device (e.g. menthol, various medications and the like).

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